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Old City Hotel
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

CITY HOTEL

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Location: West Morgan Street, Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Built ca. 1844 by a corporation approved and incorporated by an act of the Missouri Legislature on 15 February 1841 (See, "Laws of the State of Missouri passed at the First Session of the Eleventh General Assembly," 1841, pp.86-88). Of great historic interest, this hotel was for many years the meeting place of many famous early day characters. Captain and Mrs. McPherson, the proprietors, were famous for their hospitality and good food. During the Civil War the building was occupied by soldiers on various occasions and was the scene of several exciting events. Completely altered by Mr. Cochran, a contractor, ca. 1910. Of the original building only a few mantels, some doors and the columns with the capitals from the front veranda remain. The mantels are of simple, late Greek Revival design, popular in Boonville during the late forties and fifties. The doors are of the six panel type. The columns and capitals of the portico were preserved and are used on porch of present W.J. Cochran home, Boonville, on site of hotel.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp, HABS historian. A master list is available in the ~~records~~ records for MO-1800.